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Mary Shapiro, associate professor of linguistics, and Emily Taylor, admissions counselor, both are parents of children who attend preschool at the Child Development Center. They gathered with other concerned members of the Kirkville and Truman communities last night to discuss the CDC's May closing.

New details emerge in Scott case

Jessie Gasch
Assistant News Editor

Issues following the Jan. 21 incident with former City Councilman Richard Scott, during which Kirkville police officers stopped Scott for erratic driving, continue to become more complex.

Attorney Seth Shumaker, who represents Kirkville police officer Bob Hardwick, said Hardwick was the back up officer Jan. 21. He said it was a deposition taken by his client Aug. 30 that led Adair County Prosecuting Attorney Mark Williams to drop charges against Scott on Nov. 15.

Shumaker said Williams, who was present during the deposition, heard Hardwick's testimony that he could not detect the odor of alcohol on Scott's breath and found that information to present a conflict of interest in the case. He also said Hardwick, as back up officer, was not in position to detect Scott's breath. Hardwick was between three-and-a-half and four feet from Scott during the incident, according to the deposition.

"Mr. Williams is using that as his decision to drop the charges," Shumaker said. "... I think there's some real concerns here. The concern I have is that someone is trying to use my client as a scapegoat. It's not necessarily someone from Kirkville Police Department."

Schumaker said Hardwick made clear the fact that he previously had shared that information with Jay Benson, Scott's attorney, but that Williams disagreed, using that fact to further support his witness status.

Williams said it was a Nov. 1 meeting with an unidentified officer that prompted him to drop the suit. Shumaker said this meeting concerned the August deposition and said he did not know why there was a two-month wait between the deposition and the Nov. 1 meeting.

Williams declined to comment on whether Hardwick's testimony was discussed at the Nov. 1 meeting or affected his decision.

"Based on that meeting, [Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Kristin Coffman and I] now had to get out of the case," Williams said. "I am a witness, and dismissal is as such."

Shumaker said he has received some documentation concerning the internal affairs investigation with the Kirkville Police Department, and eventually the

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Dixon lists budget cuts

Plan includes phasing out of Child Development Center, athletic programs evaluation

Whitney McFerron
and Alison Bowen

Editor in Chief and News Editor

President Barbara Dixon officially announced yesterday plans to trim the University's budget by \$4 to \$5 million by 2009.

She outlined several areas in a press conference yesterday and in an official

e-mail sent to faculty the day before. Some programs potentially facing cuts include the athletics department and the Truman State University Press.

Dixon said these changes are an effort to improve the efficiency of the University and to make it more competitive with other schools nationally in recruiting faculty. A projected \$2 million of the money generated by the changes eventually will transition into the University's budget in the form of employee salary increases, she said. The additional money will be

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For the full text of President Barbara Dixon's letter to faculty, read this story online.



Key Points...

- Insurance benefits review
- Evaluation of all graduate and high cost programs
- Phase-out of the subsidy for the Truman State University Press and the *Sixteenth Century Journal*.

Housing costs rise

Board of Governors vote to increase fall room and board costs

Alan Venneman
Staff Reporter

Students on campus will have to stretch their pocketbooks a little wider next year for room and board.

David Rector, executive director of institutional research and budgets, said that next year, residence

hall room and board will increase 4.1 percent from this year's prices. Increases in Sodexo costs account for 3 percent of that figure. The new residence hall is running ahead of schedule, and University officials are excited to see students enjoying the hall's features, he said.

Rector said the University decides residence hall rates in December to give students time to decide if they want to live on campus the following year. Rates depend on costs such as food, salaries for staff and utilities, he said. This

year, with high natural gas prices, the utilities are going to be high, he said.

Rector said Truman decided to pay for the new residence hall by selling bonds.

After a hall is renovated, its price will increase, Rector said. The new hall, however, will remain the most expensive room and board.

"The plan would be for different levels of pricing, but it will make sense by the type of the room," Rector said.

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Hall experiences burglary

Two suspects allegedly steal items from Centennial Hall, Department of Public Safety apprehends men

Sara DeGonia
Assistant Features Editor

The Department of Public Safety arrested two local men Friday morning for first-degree burglary in Centennial Hall, said Tom Johnson, director of Public Safety.

Public Safety apprehended Kirkville resident Darrell Yarrington, 24, at 1:47 a.m. Friday outside of Centennial Hall after he and Brashear, Mo., resident Clifford Cook, 38, allegedly attempted to steal

a VCR and area rug from the hall, Johnson said. "We got a call from Residence Life staff that some guys were in the hall that didn't belong there, and it looked like they were stealing some stuff out of one of the lounges on the first floor," Johnson said.

He said Cook disappeared from the scene of the alleged crime. Public Safety arrested him at 4:30 a.m. at the home of Tonya Harris, 19, according to the Public Safety crime log.

Harris said Cook came to her house that morning, but the two only are acquaintances.

"A Truman cop came over and got him," Harris said. "I had to give a report. I told them I didn't really know anything about it."

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Student Senate debates whether or not to sustain sophomore president Mark Kirtland's veto.

Kirtland's veto remains

Senate votes again on resolution supporting federal aid restrictions

Kyle Hill
Staff Reporter

A resolution to provide financial aid to drug offenders has fallen short after its second effort in Student Senate.

Student Senate voted Sunday to uphold sophomore president Mark Kirtland's veto of a resolution supporting the repeal of financial aid restrictions for drug offenders.

By a 10-11-1 vote, senator junior Josh Kappel's appeal fell short of the two-thirds majority needed to overturn Kirtland's veto of the resolution calling on Congress to repeal provisions of the Higher Education Act.

Kappel said he was unhappy with the result.

"I was disappointed that the Senate prematurely called the question to a vote without listening to the students in the gallery," Kappel said.

About 35 students packed the SUB Conference Room, among them several members from the National Organization for the

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Fond Farewell

Columnist Katie Stuart gives one last piece of advice to readers.



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Election Official

Professor journeyed to Azerbaijan to oversee parliamentary elections.



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Prison Pooch

Residents adopt dog trained by an inmate in a Kansas penitentiary.



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THIS WEEK | weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy
High 26 Low 18	High 37 Low 28	High 37 Low 27